

3. The potential impacts on the nation's energy supply, including documenting the best unbiased estimates available for what oil and natural gas might exist.
4. The potential financial impact of proposed exploration on the State of North Carolina, including effects on the economy, tourism, the commercial fishing industry, the impacts of a more industrial coastline, and ensuring a share of State profits.
5. The environmental impacts of exploration on North Carolina's coastline, including possibilities of spills, effects on water quality, air quality, marine life, and contributions to global climate change.
6. The environmental impacts of the infrastructure that would be associated with exploration and drilling for oil and natural gas.

Section 3.1. In addition to topics authorized under Section 3, the Advisory Subcommittee may study the potential impacts of alternative offshore energy projects on the nation's energy supply, including wind energy, wave energy, ocean current energy, solar energy, and hydrogen production.

Section 4. The Advisory Subcommittee shall meet upon the call of its Co-chairs. A quorum of the Advisory Subcommittee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. The Advisory Subcommittee shall hold public hearings in North Carolina's coastal region to solicit feedback from local residents as to the potential impacts of offshore drilling on those communities.

Section 6. The Advisory Subcommittee may establish an advisory group comprised of university faculty and scientific experts to assist in gathering and analyzing data so that the Advisory Subcommittee may provide more informed recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission. The work and membership of the advisory group shall be coordinated through the President of The University of North Carolina, utilizing appropriate resources of the various constituent institutions. The Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the advisory group. The allocation may be accomplished by transfer of funds to the University of North Carolina.

Section 7. The Advisory Subcommittee is authorized to solicit testimony and evidence from experts outside of North Carolina and, subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, shall make arrangements to reimburse such experts for their expenses associated with appearing before the Advisory Subcommittee.

Section 8. The Advisory Subcommittee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 of the General Statutes. The Legislative Services Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services to be provided to the Advisory Subcommittee, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.